

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 18 and amend Claims 10, 14, and 19-22 as follows, all without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with the Revised Format proposed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, all claims are listed below with appropriate Status Identifiers in parenthesis after each claim.

10. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly for attachment to a vehicle via a holding tube, the assembly comprising:

a housing including a framing element configured to attach to the holding tube;

and

a clamping part configured to attach to the holding tube disposed opposite of the framing element, the framing element and the clamping part cooperating to clamp about the holding tube and releasably attach to each other, the clamping part further configured to fastenably hold a mirror element, wherein the clamping part has a hook element and the housing framing has a snap connection, the hook element and the snap connection snap-connectable to secure the housing framing and the clamping part together.

11. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 10, wherein the clamping part is a bracket element.

12. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 10, wherein the framing element defines a first recess and the clamping part defines a second recess, the first and second recess configured to encase the holding tube.

13. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 12, wherein at least one of the first and second recesses has at least one projection, and wherein the holding tube has at least one complementary recess, the at least one projection configured to be rotationally secured in the at least one complementary recess.

14. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly with a mirror element for a vehicle, the assembly comprising:

a holding component configured to attach to the vehicle;

a first clamping part configured to attach to the holding component; and

a second clamping part configured to attach to the holding component disposed opposite of the first clamping part, the first and second clamping parts cooperating to clamp about the holding component and releasably attach to each other, the second clamping part further configured to fastenably hold the mirror element, wherein the second clamping part has at least one hook element and the first clamping part has at least one snap connection, the at least one hook element and the at least one snap connection snap-connectable to secure the first clamping part and the second clamping part together.

15. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein the holding component is substantially circular in axial cross section.

16. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein the first clamping part is a plastic housing framing having at least one opening therethrough and the second clamping part is a bracket element.

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17. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 16, wherein the bracket element is a material selected from the group consisting of reinforced plastic, fiberglass and metal.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 16, wherein ~~at least one~~ a connection part is disposed on the bracket element, the bracket element having at least another opening therethrough, the at least another opening substantially overlapping the at least one opening of the housing framing.

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20. (Currently Amended) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 19, further comprising ~~at least one~~ a connection element configured to be fastened to the ~~at least one~~ connection part such that the housing framing and the bracket element are fastened together about the holding component.

21. (Currently Amended) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 20, wherein the ~~at least one~~ connection element is a screw.

22. (Currently Amended) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 20, wherein the ~~at least one~~ connection element is a rivet.

23. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, wherein the mirror element has a mirror pane and a carrier plate, and the mirror pane is configured to mount on the carrier plate.

24. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 23, wherein a first periphery of the mirror pane extends beyond a second periphery of the carrier plate, the mirror pane disposed flush to the carrier plate.

25. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, further comprising a positioning apparatus connected to the second clamping part, the mirror element fastened to the positioning apparatus.

26. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 25, wherein the positioning apparatus is electrically controllable.

27. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, further comprising a housing cover releasably bindable to the first clamping part.

28. (Original) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 14, further comprising means for securing the first and second clamping parts against rotational displacement relative to the holding component.

29. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 28, wherein the means for securing the first and second clamping parts includes at least one recess disposed in at least one of the first and second clamping parts, at least one projection disposed within the at least one recess, and at least one complementary recess disposed on the holding component such that the at least one projection fits into the at least one complementary recess.

30. (Withdrawn) A rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a mirror element having a mirror pane affixed to a carrier plate;
a positioning apparatus affixed to the carrier plate opposite the mirror pane;
a framing, the positioning apparatus secured to the framing;
a bracket having an upper strip and a lower strip, the bracket releasably clamped to the framing; and

a first holding arm and a second holding arm, the first holding arm clampingly disposed between the upper strip and the framing and the second holding arm clampingly disposed between the lower strip and the framing.

31. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 30, wherein the upper strip defines a first recess and the lower strip defines a second recess, the first recess configured to receive the first holding arm and the second recess configured to receive the second holding arm.

32. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 31, wherein the first and second recesses each have at least one projection, and wherein the first and second holding arm each have at least one complementary recess, the at least one projection configured to be rotationally secured in the at least one complementary recess.

33. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 30, further comprising a housing cover releasably attached to the framing, the housing cover made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and framing made of fiberglass reinforced plastic.

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34. (Withdrawn) The rearview mirror assembly of claim 30, wherein the carrier plate is acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) and 30% fiberglass, the carrier plate having a thickness of between one and one and one-half millimeters.
